

PACHOURI): (a) and (b) At present, unmarried and unemployed daughters are eligible for pensions after demise of their pension earning parents subject to the condition that they are below 25 years of age, they have not started earning their livelihood and are not married.

Irrigation under Bharat Nirman Scheme in J and K

1727. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the land being irrigated at present in the State of Jammu and Kashmir particularly in the districts of Jammu and Kathua under Bharat Nirman Scheme;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to bring more areas under irrigation under the scheme, in the near future; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) The total land irrigated in J&K State is 8.04 lac acres, out of this 2.29 lac acres and 0.437 lac acres are being irrigated in Jammu and Kathua Districts respectively.

(b) and (c) Yes, The Action Plan under Bharat Nirman has been prepared at a cost of Rs. 895.10 crores for stabilizing the existing potential to the extent of 3.92 lac acres and to create new potential to the extent of 3.458 lac acres in the State. At present there are 28 Major Irrigation Projects and 422 Minor Irrigation Projects ongoing under Bharat Nirman in the State.

Preparation of BPL list

1728. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the BPL lists have been prepared all over the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, particularly in the State of Karnataka;

(c) whether Government have received any complaints regarding

anomalies in the said list;

(d) if so, the measures taken/likely to be taken by Government to sort-out such anomalies; and

(e) the time by when the final list of BPL is likely to be published?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) to (e) The Government of India provides financial and technical assistance to States and UTs to conduct a Below Poverty Line (BPL) Census to identify the poor households living in the rural areas who could be assisted under various programmes. The Ministry of Rural Development had issued guidelines to all States including Karnataka for conducting the BPL Census 2002, however, its result could not be finalized because of the stay order passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court. The Hon'ble Supreme Court vacated the stay on 14.2.2006. Subsequently, the Government of India had issued guidelines to States and UTs to place the draft BPL list before the Gram Sabha. In order to address the grievances, if any, a two-stage appeal mechanism has been introduced. Any person who objects to his ranking in the list, can file an appeal with the Tehsildar/SDM and Collector as the case may be. The States have also been advised that after completion of this process, the final BPL list should be displayed on their website. It may also be printed and kept in the form of a booklet at the Panchayat headquarters. Under these guidelines, a provision has also been made to allow new names to be added and ineligible names deleted from the BPL list on a continuous basis during the period to which the list applies. The finalization of the BPL list by the States is in an advanced stage for which the survey work has already been completed by most of them.

Schemes for hilly areas in Uttaranchal

1729. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes being introduced and run by Government for development of backward and hilly areas in Uttaranchal;

(b) the details of backward and hilly areas developed during the last two years; and